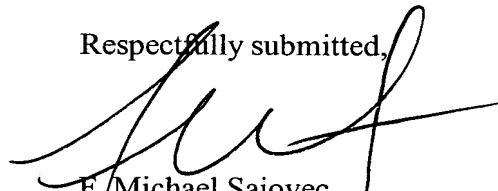


REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement of July 7, 2003, Applicants hereby elect Invention I, corresponding to Claims 1-26 drawn to assays using cells expressing a receptor/reporter fusion protein. Applicants have withdrawn Invention II, corresponding to Claims 27-29 and 32. This election is made without traverse as Applicants agree with the Examiner that the canceled claims are patentably distinct from the elected claims.

With respect to the election of species, Applicants hereby elect the species of the receptor being a G-protein coupled receptor and the reporter fusion protein being *Renilla reniformis* (sea pansy) luciferase protein. Claim 9 as amended specifically reads on the G-protein coupled receptor and Claim 18 as amended and Claim 19, specifically read on the *Renilla reniformis* (sea pansy) luciferase protein. Claims 1-8, 10-17, and 20-26 generally read on the species elected above.

Respectfully submitted,

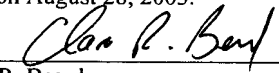


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